IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Group Art Unit: 1615

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For: DRUG DELIVERY PARTICLES AND METHOD OF TREATING PARTICLES

TO IMPROVE THEIR DRUG DELIVERY CAPABILITIES

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.